

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable David Price, Chair
Subcommittee on Transportation and
and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
2108 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation and Housing
Housing and Urban Development
Committee on Appropriations
404 Cannon House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

I am requesting funding for the Rainbow Drive and Columbia Drive Sidewalk Development in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is DeKalb County Government, located at 1300 Commerce Drive, 5th Floor, Decatur, GA 30030. The project location is Rainbow Drive and Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30034.

DeKalb County is seeking funds to construct sidewalks along Rainbow Drive and Columbia Drive to ensure safe passage for resident pedestrians, help further connect the community, and be a driver of economic development in the area with increased foot traffic. Sidewalks provide added safety to pedestrians and motorists alike. These sidewalks will be ADA compliant and allow all pedestrians to travel with a sense of peace knowing they are not in the way of a vehicle. Sidewalks have proven to be a safe way to connect non-motorists to shopping, schools, eateries, businesses, and connecting neighborhoods. Further, sidewalks provide a safer avenue for fitness and recreation activity, including for cyclists and runners.

Sidewalks are a good use of taxpayer dollars because they provide safety for motorists and non-motorists alike, especially at night or during inclement weather. Sidewalks cut down on fatal injuries. At the same time, sidewalks promote walkability, which is key for economic development, public health and health promotion, increased home values, and customer traffic or foot traffic to local businesses.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nikema Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nikema Williams
Member of Congress